What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A laundry drier control method comprising steps of:
 2 initiating a drying procedure;
 3 measuring a temperature variation rate per unit time over the drying procedure;
 4 calculating an overall drying time based on the measured temperature variation rate
 5 per unit time; and
 6 performing the drying procedure for the calculated overall drying time.
 - 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said calculating step is repeated if a substantial increase in the temperature variation rate is detected.
 - 1 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the temperature variation rate is 1°C per minute.